

THE WATER QUESTION.

Nearly half the session is over, and no legislation as yet on the water question. The Artesian Well bill comes up as a special order on Monday, and there already seems to be considerable opposition to it.

The principal objection seems to be that if wells are allowed as near together as they can be bored, that someone will jump in and secure the whole appropriation by sinking 80 wells 100 feet deep.

Well, suppose someone did this very thing? Let us figure a little. Each well must flow no less than 7000 gallons a day to get a bounty. These wells would flow 560,000 gallons a day, and would not this amount of water be well worth the bounty paid by the State? The wells must flow thirty days at least, and if they will flow thirty days they will flow forever.

It takes about a month to bore a well, pump out the sand and get it properly piped. This boring of 80 wells would take about fifteen years (as the Winter months could not be utilized,) and if the balance of the people in the State could not be enterprising enough to sink a few wells before this mythical citizen sank 80, it would speak volumes for a lazy populace.

The APPEAL's idea is to pay a bounty only on wells that flow at least 20,000 gallons in a day and then let the borers sink them as near together as they please, or else amend so that the first well bored on a man's property must flow 7,000; the next 10,000; the next 20,000 and so on increasing the amount that must flow, in order to claim a bounty, 10,000 gallons with each well.

Storage Reservoirs.

The Appropriations Committee of the National House of Representatives has decided to allow \$150,000 for the continuation of the work of surveying and locating sites for storage reservoirs, so that the arid lands of the West may be irrigated. The appropriation will undoubtedly pass and the good work will go on. Major Powell of the Geological Survey in demonstrating to Congressmen that vast bodies of land now worthless can be reclaimed and be made valuable by the irrigation these storage reservoirs will give. He says that between 90,000,000 and 100,000,000 acres of now worthless land will be made productive by the contemplated system.

Took It All.

Last evening one of the members who had been junketing at Reno, stepped up to the Ormsby House bar and ordered a bottle of champagne.

He called up his friends and six glasses were poured out. His friends, however, who saw that he was rather the worse for liquor refused to drink, as they did not want to encourage him. After appealing to them in vain to be social, he remarked:

"All right, but we won't [hic] waste it," and he deliberately drank the six glasses himself.

The Call and Bulletin have been obliged to go into partnership with Dennis Kerney in order to die in company, which while not specially decent, is at least notorious. Who would have thought, years ago, that Dennis Kerney would ever have been the only watcher in the death chamber of these two once moral sheets.

In a few months he will be sitting on the joint tomb of those two journals, shaking dice with C. P. Huntington to see who will pay the grave digger for his services.

The Lottery Amendment to the Constitution has passed two Legislatures, and after being advertised for ninety days last Fall in the Enterprise, was carried in this State almost unanimously by the people. Yet, when it is submitted for the second time as the law directs, certain people think it is being rushed. A man who can't vote intelligently on a proposition that has been before the people for two years is too slow for this country.

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